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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1115
By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. F. Michael Holmes
on his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's
Silver Beaver Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those
citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community
leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. F. Michael Holmes is one such estimable person who evinces the
greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes was recently awarded the prestigious Silver Beaver Award from
the Middle Tennessee Council of the Boy Scouts of America; and

WHEREAS, active on all levels of Scouting, Mr. Holmes has served as a youth member,
a Webelos Den Leader, an Associate Advisor to Explorer Post and as a Council Level Trainer;
he has also served as the Scoutmaster of Troop 184 since 1972; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional leader, Mr. Holmes has performed many duties on the
district Scouting level, including serving as the Camp Director for Elk River Camporees and as a

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member of both the District Nominating Committee and District Promotion Committee for the Order of the Arrow; and

WHEREAS, throughout, his association with the Boy Scouts of America, F. Michael Holmes has garnered numerous honors and awards, including membership in the prestigious Order of the Arrow, the Scouter Training Award and the Scouter Key; and

WHEREAS, due to his remarkable service to his Order of the Arrow district, Mr. Holmes was awarded the Long Rifle Award; and

WHEREAS, an active member of his community, Mr. Holmes has served on numerous civic organizations including the Franklin County High School Bandbackers, the Franklin County United Way Committee and the Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Committee for the selection of the outstanding young citizen of Franklin County each year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his community service, Mr. Holmes bravely served in the United States Army for two years; he also served in the Tennessee Army National Guard for 25 years, retiring with the esteemed rank of Sergeant First Class in 1992; and

WHEREAS, a longtime member of the First Baptist Church in Winchester, Mr. Holmes has served as a Sunday School Teacher, as a member of the Board of Deacons, Trustee Committee and the Church Maintenance Committee; and

WHEREAS, his professional and civic accomplishments aside, F. Michael Holmes is the loving father of two children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes' remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his unwavering reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, F. Michael Holmes epitomizes the sterling character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, an extremely giving person, he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, he is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the success of this remarkable program relies heavily on the exemplary leadership, unwavering dedication and the sterling character of people like Mr. F. Michael Holmes and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and commend Mr. F. Michael Holmes on his receipt of the Boy Scouts of America's Silver Beaver Award and extol him for his outstanding service to the people of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.